



City of San Diego

Report to the Land Use and Housing Committee

**Update on the Federal Economic
Stimulus Package
January 21, 2009**



Role of IRD

- Intergovernmental Relations is tasked with legislative advocacy, administrative advocacy and securing special appropriations and grants at the regional, state and federal level.
- Have been successful in bringing in state and federal dollars. Since January 2007 we have brought in over \$1 billion to the city much of that for Highway and Border Projects.
- Been successful by building coalitions and partnering with others. Locally: SANDAG and Nationally: Big Cities



Overview of Stimulus Package

- Three Previous Stimulus Packages: Tax Refunds, Banks and Housing
- Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) and current Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Robert Byrd (D-WV) introduced a \$100.3 billion *Economic Recovery Act of 2008* (S. 3689) proposal on November 17, 2008. It would provide supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009 for job creation and preservation, infrastructure investment, and economic and energy assistance.
- House Democrats have just released a new stimulus, or “recovery” package. Both the 2008 House and Senate packages were heavily weighted with infrastructure projects, however, the current House proposal only has \$90 billion in total for infrastructure-- a significant reduction.
- There is a push that 50% of all infrastructure funding shall be spent within 120 days of enactment.
- Partnering with other big cities including New York, Los Angeles, Boston to turn this around
- State has curtailed bond funding for existing approved projects including a number of projects within the City of San Diego.



Infrastructure Areas of Interest

- CDBG with Crisis response flexibilities. We asked for \$20 billion, current proposal is \$1 billion. Uses may be more limited than usual CDBG funding. May be limited to streets and bridges and water/sewer systems and some public facilities.
- Highways Money- \$30 billion with 45% sub-allocated to Urban Areas with greater than 200,000 population
- Transit- \$10 billion with \$6 billion going to Transit Capital Assistance for purchase of new equipment and capital projects.
- Neighborhood Stabilization Program- \$3.44 billion
- Energy Grants- Upwards of \$10 million available to City
- State Revolving Loan Funds for Water and Wastewater and Bureau of Reclamation Funds
- Other areas of interest: Army Corps of Engineers, Airport Funds and Rail Funds



Advocacy

- Lists: IRD requested city operational departments forward their existing infrastructure projects that met the “ready to go” criterion. By definition each project on this list must have had prior council approval through the CIP process, completed its design and have identified funding in order to meet the 120 day timeframe.
- Advocacy through member organizations: U.S. Conference of Mayors, League of Cities, SANDAG
- Advocacy through other channels: Governors office and San Diego delegation
- Collaboration with other big cities



Timeline

- House Appropriations Markup Today
- House Floor Consideration end of this week- middle of next week
- Early February Senate Consideration
- Early February- Middle of February Conference Committee
- Middle of February enactment



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Questions